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What is claimed is:

1. A mobile terminal having telephonic communication capability and comprising a control means, wherein the control means carries out both a standby operation for monitoring an incoming call and an image processing operation for processing an image captured by an image capture means, wherein the control means prohibits the standby operation during an image capture operation of the image capture means for capturing the image when a first predetermined condition is satisfied.

- 2. A mobile terminal according to claim 1, further comprising a radio environment measuring means for measuring a state of a radio environment that is involved in the standby operation, wherein the first predetermined condition is satisfied when the radio environment measuring means detects that the radio environment involved in the standby operation is in a relatively bad state.
- 3. A mobile terminal according to claim 2, further comprising a notification means for conducting a first notification operation, wherein the control means commands the notification means to carry out the first notification operation when the standby operation is prohibited.
- 4. A mobile terminal according to claim 3, wherein the control means enables the standby operation when a second predetermined

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condition is satisfied in a situation where the standby operation has been prohibited.

- 5: A mobile terminal according to claim 4, wherein the second predetermined condition is satisfied when the radio environment measuring means detects a change in the state of the radio environment involved in the standby operation from the relatively band state to a relatively good state.
- 6. A mobile terminal according to claim 4, wherein the control means commands the notification means to carry out a second notification operation when the standby operation is enabled.
- A program for operating a control means of a mobile terminal having telephonic communication capability, wherein the control means carries out both a standby operation for monitoring an incoming call and an image processing operation for processing an image captured by an image capture means, wherein the program prohibiting the standby operation during an image capture operation of the image capture means for capturing the image when a first predetermined condition is satisfied.
- 8. A mobile terminal having telephonic communication capability and comprising a control means, wherein the control means carries out both a standby operation for monitoring an incoming call and an image processing operation for processing an image captured by an image capture means, and wherein the mobile

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terminal has a camera-dedicated mode, in which an image capture operation through the image capture means is allowed while the standby operation is prohibited.

9. A mobile terminal according to claim 8, wherein the mobile terminal shifts to the camera-dedicated mode upon receiving a corresponding instruction from a user.